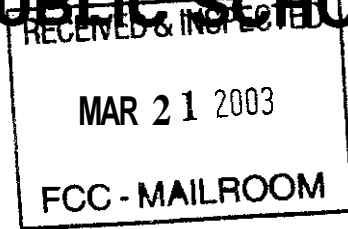




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Dear Sir or Madam:

CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

**WAIVER REQUEST for YEAR 4 CIPA DEADLINE**  
**2001/02 School Year**

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Form 486 Notification Letter dated:	February 19, 2003.

Our District received notification February 19, 2003 indicating that our funding for the 2001/02 school year will not be forthcoming. Basically the district was working on two funding years concurrently. Due to vacation schedules and staff realignment, it was assumed that the correct 486 form had been filed within the appropriate time frame. Consequently, we filed the form 472 (BEAR Form), which is attached. **Up** until February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003 we were unaware that the 486 form was not on file.

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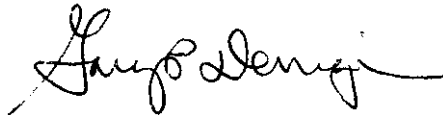
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Ongoing conversations with the Schools and Libraries Division have not been fruitful in obtaining information. The attached letter represents more of that confusion. We received our 486 Notifications Letter on February 19, 2003 indicating that the 486 was not submitted within the timelines. In the denial of our appeal, the reason is that the appeal request was not submitted within the sixty (60) day filing window. We filed our letter to them on February 26, 2003.

It would have seemed with the amount of conversation that transpired with the Schools and Libraries Division regarding the funding year 2001/02 that at some point someone would have brought this to our attention. Due to these extenuating circumstances, we feel that a waiver for the 486 timeline should be granted and the release of committed funds approved.

Your consideration with this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary P. Derrigan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gary P. Derrigan  
Executive Director - Operations

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